

**Primrose Neighborhood Association  
Officer's Meeting**

**Oct. 04, 2010**

**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Lori's house**

**Present: Lori Kahn, Barbara Prince, Andy Harris and Jen Harris**

**General Items**

- At the moment, we are still without an official president. Lori has been basically doing both the President and Vice President jobs. Volunteers to work with Lori to takeover the President's responsibilities are needed.

**Events**

- Quarterly Meeting
  - For the November meeting (Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>), it is possible that the superintendent will not be able to attend. If this happens, there is a possibility that we can do a joint meeting with the Easterbrook NA, who will also be having their meeting at the same location as ours. Easterbrook's meeting will discuss Neighborhood Watch.
  - Strawberry Park NA is having theirs on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> with the fire captain as guest
- Williams Road cleanup still on the first Saturday of each month. Last month was a small, but successful turnout, and Lori will be continuing to run these.
- Garage Sale / Dumpster day scheduled for next February, and we'll start the planning for it in early January.
- December event ideas:
  - Holiday Front Door Decorating Contest. The idea is to allow people to have fun in light competition to out-decorate each other, while limiting the scope, so things don't get out of hand. Entries must be completed by December 5<sup>th</sup>, and the voting (combination of online and in-person) will close on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The prize is tentatively set to be a small gift card to somewhere local, and a small trophy that will be re-used each year.
  - Cookie Exchange / Social, with drinks (cider, hot chocolate, etc.) to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Any leftover cookies will be donated to a yet-to-be specified charity. In addition, all locations will host in-person voting for the Front Door Decorating Contest.
  - We talked about doing some sort of craft fair, but the previous two ideas seemed to make more sense.
  - We also talked about doing a white elephant gift exchange, but decided that the two first ideas above would be enough for this December. We can revisit this idea for next year, should the need arise.

**Possible Future Events**

- Is there any possibility of doing any more driveway parties? Easterbrook has what they call driveway happy hours, Jenny's worked out well in June. As Lori's National Night Out did not garner as much attendance, maybe we can look to expand to slightly larger areas (like maybe a couple of streets) in order to increase attendance.
- Another activity that the Easterbrook NA is planning is to sell trees to the neighborhood so that people can put them in their front yards, and decorate them. We bounced this around a bit, but seemed to settle on the front door decorating contest mentioned above.
- Last year, Easterbrook NA in cooperation with Country Lane NA had a carriage ride during the

holidays. Apparently, it is quite expensive, and it seems that this activity is not one we're prepared to do at this time. We decided that we would check out the rides and see how the event works for Easterbrook.

- A Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Dinner, to be held sometime in January (evening or weekend). The intent here is to provide some recognition to all those neighbors who volunteer to help out with PNA activities (planning, execution, etc.). The PNA would provide the main dish (or dishes), the drinks, and any supplies, with the invitees bringing a small dish and/or dessert to add to the table.

### **Disaster Prep**

- Jen is planning on hosting a meeting for anyone interested in being involved with neighborhood disaster preparedness. This is to be a rather informal meeting, a sort of wine and cheese event, where people can discuss their ideas, to a bit of brainstorming and indicate their level of interest in participating. This meeting will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, at the Harris residence.
- She would also like to set up a survey to gauge interest in the neighborhood at large.
- Talked with Winchester NAC who are going to have a disaster preparedness summit for the NAs in the area in January.

### **Ideas for the website**

- Have an online swap page, where people can offer services, look for services, items for sale, or want, etc. Probably something like an online forum, with different areas for the different topics.
- Host the Holiday Front Door Decorating Contest. This would be at the minimum a catalog of pictures for all of the entrants. It could also involve hosting the online voting, or we may just use the polls feature on the Yahoo! Groups site.

### **Action Items**

- Barbara to put together the flyer for the November Quarterly Meeting, the December events, and a reminder about the monthly Williams Road cleanups.
- Barbara to investigate restaurant nights for December/January (Chevy's, Fresh Choice)
- Andy to investigate if the Yahoo! Groups poll feature will work, or if another solution (<http://www.surveymonkey.com>, custom voting functionality for our site, etc.) would be appropriate.

Notes are respectfully submitted by Andy Harris, Secretary.